

Date: July 29, 2014

To: Nonprofit Community-Based Provider Organizations

Provider Trade Associations

From: Terry Edelstein, Governor's Nonprofit Liaison

Re: CT Department of Housing to Open HCV & RAP Waiting Lists, "Shore Up CT" Provides Assistance

to Shoreline Homes and Businesses, & Other News



Brittany Kaplan, Policy Intern, and Terry Edelstein, Nonprofit Liaison, pictured with Governor Dannel P. Malloy during a ceremonial bill signing to celebrate Public Act 14-188, which promotes increased employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

CT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING TO OPEN SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV) PROGRAM AND STATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP) WAITING LISTS

Please forward the following public notice to other interested parties.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The State Of Connecticut Department Of Housing and its contractor J. D'amelia & Associates will open the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program and State Rental Assistance Program (RAP) waiting lists statewide on August 4, 2014. Pre-applications will be accepted by mail and must be postmarked between the dates of August 4, 2014 and August 18, 2014. Online applications will also be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on August 18, 2014. Filling out the pre-application form will put a household in a lottery for possible inclusion on the waiting lists for both programs. Five Thousand (5,000) applications will be chosen by lottery for the Section 8 waiting list. Three Thousand (3,000) applications will be chosen for RAP.

The pre-application form and notice announcing the opening of the Section 8 HCV Program and Rental Assistance Program waiting lists will appear in area newspapers for three consecutive days starting August 4, 2014. Pre-applications will also be available at the Connecticut Department of Housing Website, www.ct.gov/doh

JULY 25 BOND COMMISSION AGENDA SUPPORTS NONPROFIT COLLABORATION, EFFICIENCY

July 25, 2014 (Press Release): Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced that the State Bond Commission approved the authorization of nearly \$15 million in funding for nonprofit organizations.

"I am pleased that my administration has been able to take positive steps to support nonprofit providers, which serve all citizens of Connecticut and play a substantial role in maintaining our safety net during challenging times," said Governor Malloy. "Partnering with our nonprofit organizations is a smart fiscal investment to ensure that these agencies can continue to provide services while doing so in an efficient, cost-effective way."

Thirty two nonprofit organizations are scheduled to receive funding, including cultural and historic organizations and organizations providing healthcare and human services.

Six nonprofit organizations in collaboration with nine other agencies were awarded funding through the Office of Policy and Management's Nonprofit Collaboration Incentive Grant Program, which provides funds for one-time infrastructure costs to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the services provided by the agencies. Through this collaborative venture, a total of 15 organizations are slated to receive funding.

In addition, the State Bond Commission authorized awards to nonprofit organizations funded through the state Department of Social Services (DSS), the state Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), the state Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), the state Department of Public Health (DPH) and other state agency bond pools.

A full list of the nonprofit organizations funded during the most recent Bond Commission meeting can be found here.

July 28, 2014 (Press Release): Governor Dannel P. Malloy announced that shoreline homeowners and businesses who are subject to coastal flooding can now apply for assistance under a new state low-interest loan program designed to help those residents elevate their homes and businesses from future severe weather and flooding.

The program – "Shore Up CT" – provides financing for property owners in coastal municipalities located in Flood Zones VE and AE, as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Formerly known as the "Shoreline Resiliency Fund," the program was created by Governor Malloy with particular focus on assisting residents who do not qualify for receiving federal disaster aid and would have to pay significant out-of-pocket expenses for the preventative upgrades.

Eligible properties include:

- Primary and secondary single family homes or 1-4 unit owner-occupied rentals. Single-family homeowners must live in the property at least 14 days per year.
- Businesses with fewer than 100 employees and in good standing with all state agencies.
- Subject to coastal flooding and located in either Zone VE or Zone AE in coastline communities as defined by FEMA and NFIP.
- These coastline municipalities are: Greenwich, Stamford, Darien, Norwalk, Westport, Fairfield, Bridgeport, Stratford, Milford, West Haven, New Haven, East Haven, Branford, Guilford, Madison, Clinton, Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Old Lyme, East Lyme, Waterford, New London, Groton, and Stonington.
- Must be up-to-date with all local, state, and federal taxes.

"Shore Up CT" is managed by the Housing Development Fund and funded by the Connecticut Department of Housing. To date, it has received \$2 million in state bonding for start-up costs and an initial \$3 million in bonding for the program. Earlier this year, the state legislature approved legislation authorizing up to \$25 million in bonding for the program.

Residents interested in applying for the loan program can now visit www.shoreupct.org and begin the process of submitting an application over the internet. Additional information about the program can also be found on that website.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER - GRANTS FAIR TO BE HOSTED BY CONNECTICUT'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

The Connecticut Congressional Delegation is hosting a Grants Fair for nonprofit providers. Please find more information on this great opportunity in the original announcement, below.

Dear Nonprofit Leaders,

You are invited to attend a Grants Fair to be hosted by Connecticut's Congressional delegation on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Federal agencies will be on hand to present their respective grants processes, discuss project development ideas, walk you through what a winning application

looks like, answer your questions, and allow you to establish contacts at the agencies. We have invited municipal leaders and staff, state agency staff, and nonprofit organizations to join us.

What: CT Congressional delegation Grants Fair

<u>When</u>: Tuesday, 8/5 10am-4pm (Backup date: Friday, 8/8 10am-4pm) – if you will be joining us, we respectfully ask that you hold both dates in the event that the primary date (8/5) has to be cancelled. The day's itinerary will be forthcoming to help you better plan your attendance. You may attend for all or part of the day.

<u>Where</u>: Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Rd, Middletown – exact location(s) on campus TBA.

RSVP date: Monday, July 28 by 5:00pm* to Allison Dodge in Congresswoman DeLauro's office at allison.dodge@mail.house.gov

*Please note: RSVP date is being extended for several more days.

We will have a list of attending federal agencies by the end of the month. Please feel free to share this invitation with other nonprofit organizations in your network.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will be able to join us.

Thank you.

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LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR STATE HEALTHCARE INNOVATION (SIM) PLAN APPLICATION

Please find my letter of support for the SIM application, submitted to Governor Malloy on July 17, 2014, below. More information on the Connecticut Healthcare Innovation Plan, including the state's application, can be found here.



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF THE NONPROFIT LIAISON

July 17, 2014

The Honorable Dannel Malloy Governor of Connecticut State Capitol 210 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Connecticut 06106

RE: CONNECTICUT STATE INNOVATION MODEL TEST GRANT APPLICATION

Dear Governor Malloy:

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of Connecticut's State Innovation Model (SIM) Test Grant Application being submitted by the Office of the Healthcare Advocate to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI).

In my role as the Governor's Nonprofit Liaison I interact and communicate with nonprofit community-based health and human services providers and provide advice on policy matters that affect nonprofit organization particularly with regard to their partnership with the state.

I have been pleased to have been a participant in the development of the State's Innovation Model Test Grant Application as a member of the Lieutenant Governor's Healthcare Cabinet and as a member of the SIM design phase Workforce Taskforce.

The Lieutenant Governor's Healthcare Cabinet provided an opportunity for individuals and organizations representing a myriad of interests to receive regular briefings on the status of the many healthcare initiatives in the state including the rollout of the ACA and Connecticut's Exchange and the SIM application and provided an opportunity for comment from the public and from Cabinet members in a public forum.

As a participant in the SIM process, I convened a several focus groups for nonprofit healthcare providers and their trade association representatives to provide information about the SIM development process, to garner input about community-based provider participation in the envisioned healthcare system and to solicit comment about the workforce sections of the state's application.

Subsequent to those meetings, I provided recommendations to the Workforce Taskforce about ways to enhance and maximize access to services through use of the nonprofit healthcare workforce.

An adequate, trained workforce is key to providing healthcare. These workers are responsible for the health and welfare of vulnerable people who often have difficulty accessing the healthcare system on their own. Given adequate supports, individuals can enter the healthcare

system earlier and at less cost than if their access to service is delayed, making the most efficient use of community-based resources while assuring that the broader population has access to healthcare. It is important to support workforce retention and skill acquisition and to begin career ladders early in the educational process.

My office fully supports the efforts of Connecticut's Office of the Healthcare Advocate - SIM Program Management Office as it seeks funding to support activities to improve access to higher quality and more equitable healthcare that produces better health outcomes at a reduced cost.

I look forward to continuing to be a resource as the State of Connecticut addresses the critical healthcare needs of its residents.

Sincerely,

Terry Edelstein, M.P.H.

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NEXT STEPS FOR THE NONPROFIT GRANT PROGRAM – A RECAP

Governor Malloy's FY 15 legislative package included an additional \$30 million in bond funding available for nonprofit health and human service providers, creating a total grant amount of \$50 million. The legislature supported this additional funding. The enabling legislation allows the OPM Secretary to allocate up to \$20 million of FY15 funding to applications received in response to the FY14 round of Nonprofit Grant Program funding.

Funding information will be announced after the State Bond Commission authorizes the allotment. The next State Bond Commission meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2014.

Below is the revised statutory language - underlined words indicate added language, brackets indicate deleted language.

PA 14-98 AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS... (Section 87)

For the Office of Policy and Management: Grants-in-aid to private, nonprofit health and human service organizations that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and that receive funds from the state to provide direct health or human services to state agency clients, for alterations, renovations, improvements, additions and new construction, including health, safety, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and energy conservation improvements, information technology systems, technology for independence, [and] purchase of vehicles and acquisition of property, not exceeding [\$ 20,000,000] \$50,000,000, \$20,000,000 of which may be

allocated to project applications received in response to the funding for this purpose provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 13 of public act 13-239.

The full Public Act can be viewed here. Sections 76, 87, and 92 pertain to the Nonprofit Grant Program.

Find updates and further information about the Nonprofit Grant Program here.

Also – make sure that your organization is signed up to receive daily procurement notices from the CT Department of Administrative Services. This is the best way to keep apprised of state funding opportunities, including the Nonprofit Grant Program.

Department of Administrative Services

• Up to date information about pending RFPs

Judicial Branch

The Judicial Branch provides email alerts as well:

Judicial RFPs

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